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SUBJECT: REPORTS ON ALLEGED AMERICAN MERCENARIES

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1. MANAGUA DAILY LA PRENSA OF APRIL 30 CARRIED BRIEF FRONT PAGE REPORT HEADED "MERCENARY DIRECTS THE GUARDIA NACIONAL AT SAN JUAN." ARTICLE STATES THAT A NORTH AMERICAN MERCENARY WAS SEEN LEADING PLATOON OF 15 NATIONAL GUARDS AT THE OUTSKIRTS OF SAN JUAN DEL SUR (SMALL PORT NEAR COSTA RICAN BORDER) DURING THE NIGHT OF APRIL 29. "PEOPLE THAT TALKED WITH THE MERCENARY DESCRIBED HIM AS A NORTH AMERICAN, TALL, WITH A HEAVY BEARD AND BLUE EYES. THE NORTH AMERICAN DREW ATTENTION TO HIMSELF WHEN HE LEAD THE NICARAGUAN SOLDIERS TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE BRIDGE AT THE SAN JUAN OUTSKIRTS NEAR NICAMAR."

2. FURTHER, MANUEL JOSE TORRES, HEAD OF INDE, TOLD AMBASSADOR MAY 1 THA HE HAD BEEN STOPPED AT A ROADBLOCK NEAR RIVAS (SOME TWENTY-FIVE MILES NORTH OF SAN JUAN DEL SUR) BY THE GUARDIA NACIONAL AND THAT ONE OF THEM WAS AN AMERICAN. THIS SAME STORY HAS BEEN BROADCAST ON THE RADIO AND WILL LIKELY ALSO APPEAR IN LA PRENSA. TORRES AND OTHERS OF OUR CONTACTS HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THERE NOW ARE MANY AMERICAN MERCEARIES IN NICARAGUA.

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3. THE ALLEGED AMERICAN MERCENARY MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED ONLY IN TRAINING, BUT CERTAINLY GAVE APPEARANCE OF ENGAGING IN OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES. THE LIKELIHOOD THAT SIMILAR REPORTS WILL CONTINUE TO SURFACE AND CREATE AN EXAGGERATED PICTURE OF US MERCENARIES INVOLVED IN GUARDIA NACIONAL OPERATIONS ADDS URGENCY TO OUR REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE IN RAISING MERCENARY ISSUE WITH PRESIDENT SOMOZA.
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